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Jack L. Wood Named Director of Catawba Hospital

Richmond—James S. Reinhard, M.D., Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, announced today that Jack L. Wood, MBA., has been selected to be the Director of Catawba Hospital in Roanoke VA. The state hospital provides treatment services, including active treatment and training, to 110 people with mental health problems. Catawba Hospital provides both adult and geriatric treatment programs.

“Jack is an excellent administrator, leader, and clinician with over 25 years of experience in health care. He was Chief Operating Officer of Catawba when I served as Director, and has served as Acting Director for over a year. I was always impressed with the breadth of his working knowledge of the facility, its operations, and most importantly, the people we serve. His administrative skills, his clinical knowledge and his understanding of the mission of the facility make him the best choice for the job. I look forward to his continuing leadership in the Department and at Catawba.” Jerry Deans, Assistant Commissioner for Facility Management, agreed, “Working with Jack as Acting Director, I am confident in his professionalism and in his single-minded dedication to the patients and hospital staff.”

Mr. Wood received his primary medical training at the Naval College of Health Science in San Diego California where he worked primarily with critically ill neonates, but was also trained in postpartum, delivery room practices and emergency room procedures. He completed his undergraduate degree with honors at the University of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science in business administration while simultaneously working in the CytoGenetics Laboratory at the Medical University of South Carolina. Mr. Wood earned his Masters of Business Degree in 1994 from Averett University with a 4.0 GPA while serving as Laboratory and Radiology Director at Catawba Hospital..

In 1974 he was awarded the American Spirit award for graduating first in his class of 1500 cadets at Naval Basic Training. Additionally, Mr. Wood was issued the Navy's Silver Life Saving Medal for saving another sailor's life during combat exercises in 1978. Mr. Wood was also the Command Sailor of the Year for 1979 and 1980 at the Charleston Naval Hospital. He began his career with the Commonwealth of Virginia as Director of Laboratory and Radiology Services at Catawba in 1991. During his tenure at Catawba Hospital Mr. Wood has served as Acting B&G Superintendent, Acting Director of ITS, Assistant Director from 1995–2001, and Acting Facility Director from July 2001 to September 2002.

Mr. Wood is a member of the Virginia Society For Medical Technologists, The National Certifying Agency for Clinical Scientists, The American Medical Technology Society, National Board for Licensed Nursing Home Administrators, and a certified Virginia Contract Officer. He is a member of the Catawba Civic League, and an active supporter of the League of Older Americans and the Mental Health Association of the Roanoke Valley. He currently resides in Catawba, Virginia.